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SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA PRESS CONFERENCES FEATURE OLD AND NEW REFERINS

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS REACHING US HERE, PRESIDENT
ECHEVERRIA REPEATED SOME WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS AND ADVANCED
A FEW NOVEL ONES IN PRESS CONFERENCES JULY 23 AND 24 IN NEW
DELHI AND COLOMBO. AMONG THE FAMILIAR REFRAINS:

-- OPEC: MEXICO WILL CONTINUE TO KEY EXPORT PRICES FOR
ITS PETROLEUM TO OPEC PRICES. IF LATTER GO UP, MEXICO'S
WILL FOLLOW.

-- OAS AND CUBA: RECENT ACTION TO AMEND RIO TREATY AND
PAVE WAY FOR LIFTING SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA WAS A "POSTIVE"
STEP BUT TOO LATE IN COMING. THERE IS NO CONTINENT
ON EARTH WHERE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES DO NOT EXIST AMONG NATIONS;
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HARMONIC COEXISTENCE IS ESSENTIAL.

ARMS -- GREAT POWERS ARE STILL SPENDING ENORMOUS SUMS ON ARMS WHICH SHOULD BE CHanneled INSTEAD INTO THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT.

-- UNITED NATIONS: NO NATION SHOULD WITHDRAW, SINCE U.S. REPRESENTS HOPE FOR DIALOGUE, FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, AND FOR DISCUSSIONS WHICH PROMOTE PEACE.

2. ECHEVERRIA REVISED OR ELABORATED HIS VIEWS ON A FEW TOPICS:

-- U.N. SECGENSHIP: ALTHOUGH UNLIKELY OF SUCCESS, LDCS SHOULD UNITE TO ENSURE THAT NEXT SECGEN IS A MAN FROM THE THIRD WORLD, SINCE PERIOD OF CRISIS AHEAD REQUIRES SOMEONE WHO CAN UNDERSTAND THEM. (HE MADE NO CLAIM THAT THAT MAN OUGHT TO BE HE, OF COURSE.)

-- DETENTE: GREAT POWER EFFORTS HAVE BEEN SUPERFICIAL, SHALLOW, PEDESTRIAN, AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS UNDERMINED BY TENSION-PRODUCING ACTIONS ELSEWHERE. THEY TALK IN ONE WAY AND ACT IN ANOTHER.

-- NON-ALIGNED GROUP: MEXICO IS WATCHING WITH MUCH INTEREST AND CONSIDERS ALL OF THEM ITS FRIENDS. IN MANY WAYS, THEIR EFFORTS DUPLICATE THOSE OF G-77; A UNITED FRONT IS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC SOLIDARITY. MEXICO WILL JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP WHEN THERE IS SUFFICIENT COOPERATION AMONG THESE COUNTRIES TO GUARANTEE THEIR GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT.

-- AID AND NIEO: INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES' ASSISTANCE TO LDCS MUST NOT BE AN ACT OF CHARITY WHICH DISGUSTS GIVER AND HUMILIATES RECEIVER. IT MUST BE AN INSTITUTIONALIZED ACT OF COOPERATION WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, BASED ON JUSTICE AND RECOGNITION OF ESSENTIAL EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS. JOVQ UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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